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SUBJECT: CSCE: PORTUGUESE RESPOND TO NATO CAUCUS RUMORS ABOUT  
THEIR SECURITY RELIABILITY

PORTUGUESE DEL HEAD ALMEIDA (WHO IS ALSO DCM OF  
POTUGUESE MISSION TO NATO) MADE PREPARED STATEMENT AT  
NATO DEL HEADS CAUCUS APRIL 17 IN RESPONSE TO RUMORS  
AMONG NATO COLLEAGUES ABOUT PORTUGUESE DELEGATION'S POSITION  
VIS-A-VIS ALLIANCE, AND PARTICULARLY THEIR RELIABILITY  
FROM SECURITY VIEWPOINT. ALMEIDA SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS  
TO MAKE STATEMENT BUT CITED OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND  
PERSONAL CONTACTS IN LISBON AND BRUSSELS AND SAID HE WAS  
CERTAIN HIS STATEMENT REFLECTED OFFICIAL VIEWS. ALMEIDA  
STRESSED THAT HIS COUNTRY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD NATO HAD NOT  
CHANGED "ONE IOTA," AND ATTEMPTED TO ALLAY FEARS ABOUT  
SECURITY RELIABILITY OF PORTUGUESE BY CITING PORTUGAL'S  
CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN NATO ACTIVITIES RELATING TO  
SECURITY, SUCH AS COMING INSPECTION OF NATO SUB-REGISTRIES  
BY PORTUGUESE SECURITY OFFICERS. FINALLY HE SAID  
PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO CSCE WAS OPERATING UNDER  
SAME INSTRUCTIONS IT HAS HAD SINCE 1973, AND THAT  
IT WOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AS ACTIVELY AS  
POSSIBLE IN NATO CAUCUS ACTIVITIES.DALE

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